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SUBJECT: US-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS

1. GOP FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO GAVE INFORMAL LUNCHEON APR 23 IN HONOR OF VISITING COUNTRY DIRECTOR FLICK, TO WHICH HE ALSO INVITED AMBASSADOR AND DOZEN CABINET SECRETARIES AND UNDER-SECRETARIES. POINTING OUT THAT LUNCHEON WAS CONTRARY TO PROTOCOL AND THAT SIMILAR EVENT NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR IN WASHINGTON, ROMULO IN WELCOMING REMARKS STRESSED TRADITIONAL US-GOP TIES OF FRIENDSHIP FORGED IN PEACE AND WAR.

2. HE THEN LAUNCHED INTO EMOTIONAL CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT FORD'S FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH OF APR 10 FOR ITS OMISSION OF ANY MENTION OF PHILIPPINES OR, AT MINIMUM, OF REFERENCE TO IMPORTANCE TO U.S. OF MILITARY BASES HERE.

3. COMMENT: ROMULO'S REMARKS UNDERLINE EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF GOP AND HURT FEELINGS AT APPARENTLY BEING TAKEN FOR GRANTED OR BEING FORGOTTEN BY PRESIDENT.
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